

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

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A RESOLUTION to commend William L. Moore Jr., M.D., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William L. Moore Jr., M.D., is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born on June 1, 1934, he learned his core values of honesty, integrity, and diligence during the Depression era; he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated from Emory University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, a talented and devoted student, he was accepted into the Medical College of Georgia and received his M.D. in 1959; and

WHEREAS, always striving to be the best physician possible, he furthered his training through an internship at Floyd Hospital in Rome, Georgia, a residency in Internal Medicine at Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, and a Research Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep desire to serve his country, Dr. Moore entered the United States Army in 1962, first serving with acumen in General Medical Duty at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, during his more than thirty years of meritorious service, this admirable patriot earned the respect and admiration of his peers and patients alike for the unsurpassed quality of his work and his unquestionable character; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his well-deserved retirement in July, 1994, he had ascended to the pinnacle of his profession, holding the rank of Major General in the Medical Corps; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore has received the highest praise and numerous honors during his career, including the Legion of Merit Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Flight Surgeon Badge, the Diver Badge, the Distinguished Service Medal, the American College of Physicians Laureate Award, and a Professional Designator for Internal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, he holds distinguished titles in Sigma Chi Fraternity and Phi Chi Medical Fraternity and has repeatedly been honored by "Who's Who in America"; he is also a Medical Consultant to the Armed Forces, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Moore has taken part in numerous historical events and has taken a position of honor in our nation's military and medical history; and

WHEREAS, he served as Vice Commander of the Joint Military Medical Command in San Antonio and Commander of Brook Army Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, as Commander of the hospital in Frankfurt, Germany, he oversaw the care of President Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was one of the first physicians to treat HIV/AIDS at the Office of the Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS, knowing the immense value of education, Dr. Moore has, throughout his life, remained an active learner and sought to continuously further his training; he has

developed profound and wide-ranging expertise through his experiences at such eminent institutions as the U.S. Army Special Warfare School, the Judge Advocate General School, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Center For Creative Leadership, the Command and General Staff College, and the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, he has shared his vast knowledge through numerous lectureships, more than forty publications, and teaching appointments at the University of Texas Health Services Center, the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, the Medical College of Georgia, and at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, an active and invaluable member of his profession, Dr. Moore has participated in the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Society of Medical Consultants of the Armed Forces, the American College of Physicians, and the Infectious Diseases Society of America; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his talents and time to such estimable organizations as the American Red Cross, the United Way, and the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, though retired from the military, Dr. Moore has not ceased his service to his country; he has served Tennessee as a State Epidemiologist and Director of the Communicable and Environmental Disease Service Section of the Tennessee Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, he has astutely served as Chief Medical Executive of the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System and the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, Dr. Moore has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to our nation; he has achieved remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Moore is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Ann Elizabeth Ballard, and their three children, William L. Moore III, Christopher A. Moore, and Mary Beth Moore; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to the highest in family and community values, he is the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore embodies the commitment to the noble precepts of military and public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend William L. Moore, M.D., for his honorable and astute service as a soldier of the utmost merit, express our gratitude for his more than forty years in clinical research and the medical profession; and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.